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EXAMINER

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ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

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DATE MAILED: 08/12/99

 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/15/99
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-29 (Renumber as 1-21)
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

- ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☒ Including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____
- ☐ Including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ Including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) _____
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

 TAN DINH
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Art Unit: 2752

- 1) The amendment filed on 07/15/99 is acknowledged. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. New claims 9-29 have been currently added.
- 2) Claims 9-29 are allowable over prior art of record.

The magneto-optical recording medium including a plurality of ferromagnetic layers parallel to each other and separated by a distance of $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ - $2\ \mu\text{m}$ and having a width in the range of 5 nm - 100 nm and thickness of $0.1\ \mu\text{m}$ - $5\ \mu\text{m}$, as recited in the independent claim are not found or suggested in the prior art of record.

- 3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAN DINH whose telephone number is (703)308-4859. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00AM to 5:30PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)305-9731.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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August 11, 1999